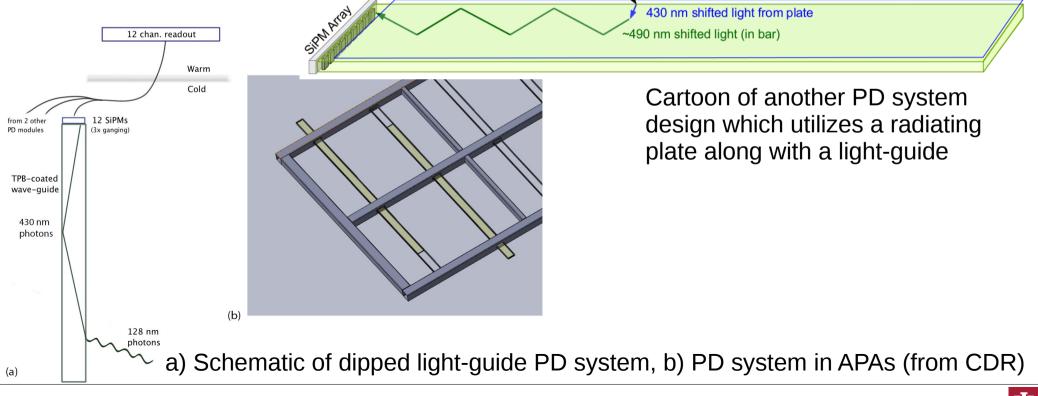
Understanding flash reconstruction

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Photon Detection System

- The protoDUNE photon detection system uses wavelength shifters to convert the VUV scintillation from LAr to the visible spectrum and light-guides to transport the converted photons to an SiPM-based readout.
- 2 ~2m-long light-guides per APA → 10 light-guides per anode



Reconstruction Process

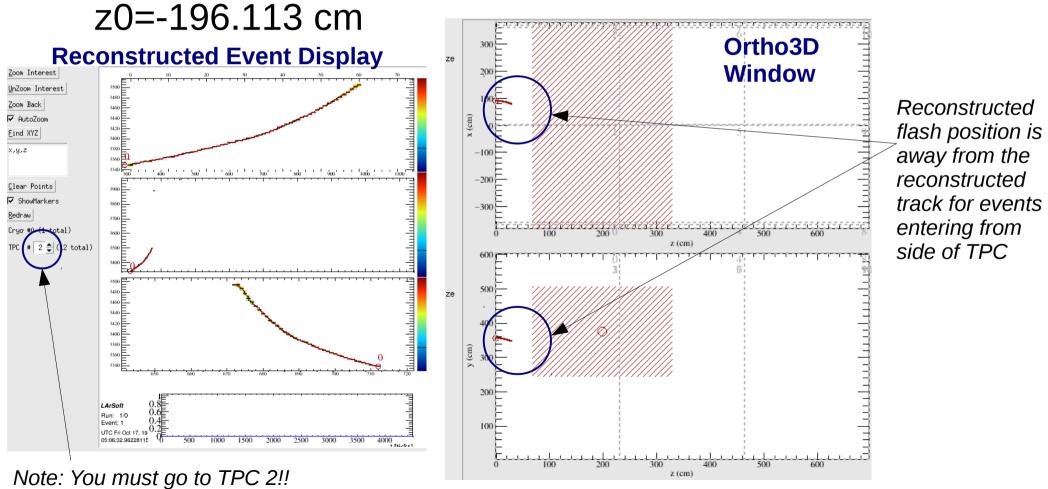
- Photon detector reconstruction has two main pieces, hits and flashes.
- "Hits" are basically what's recorded when a light-guide sees signal, e.g. peak time and number of photoelectrons (PE)
- Look for coincident hits, in other words the signals from light-guides which receive light from the same event
 - A "flash" is reconstructed in space by looking at the locations of the hits
 - Y and Z positions are the mean central positions of light-guides receiving signal (weighted by PE)
 - Width in i-direction calculated as (i = Y or Z):

$$\frac{\sqrt{PE_{\text{tot}}(\Sigma_{\text{hit}}PE_{\text{hit}}i_{\text{hit}}^2) - (\Sigma_{\text{hit}}PE_{\text{hit}}i_{\text{hit}})^2}}{PE_{\text{tot}}}$$



Motivation of this study

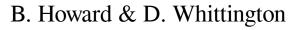
- Tingjun noted odd flash position in protoDUNE geometry.
 - Followed same simulation steps to reproduce problem
 - μ- with p0~200 MeV; x0=118.106 cm, y0=395.649 cm,



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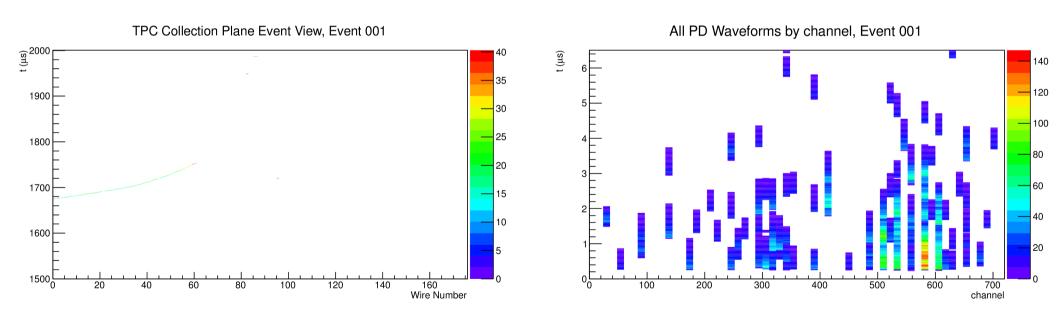
- We want to understand what is being done in the flash reconstruction in Larsoft
 - Is something actually wrong? Do we see light where we should see light?
 - Why is the flash reco box so far from the actual track?
 - What can be done about this?
- DW wrote a module that takes generated simulation and produces digitized waveforms and TPC signals
 - Updated module to work in newer versions of Larsoft
 - Included a "channel map" which tells the x,y,z locations of the center of PD number
 - Ran output of detsim step (right before reconstruction) through this module – compare this to the sim chain described before





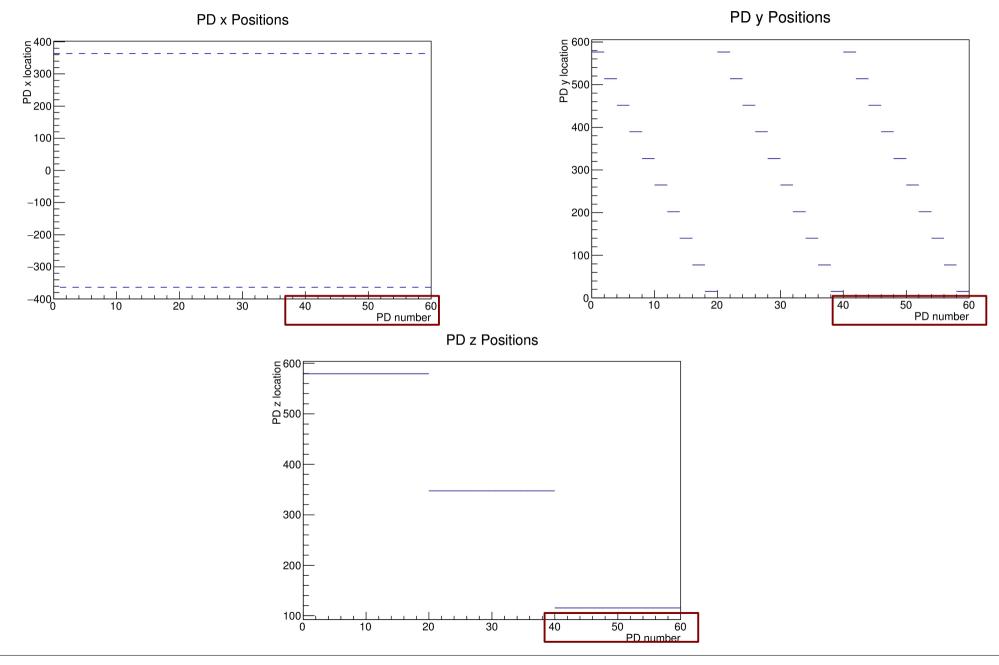
What do we see?

- Individual SiPM response show that PD module 576/12=48 sees brightest signals in this event.
- Look at region of interest in next slides
- Region of interest explored for other events in backup

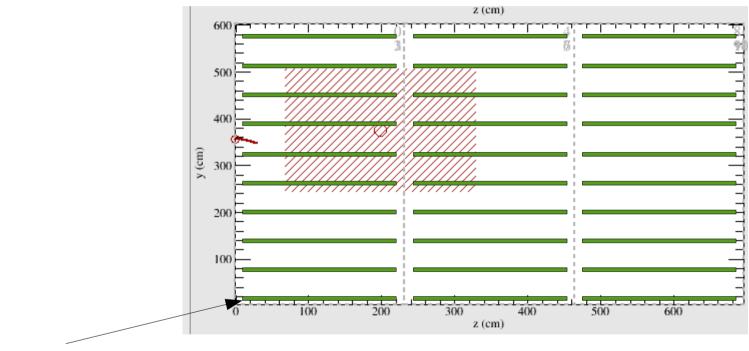




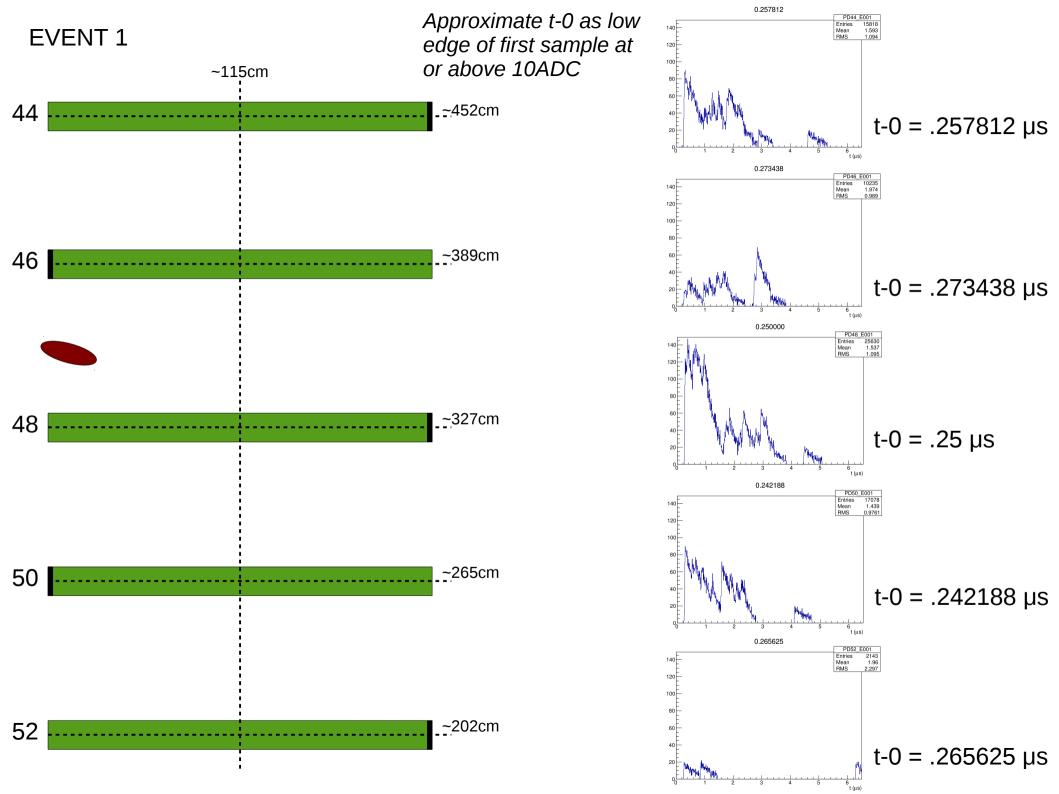
Channel Map







Readout end

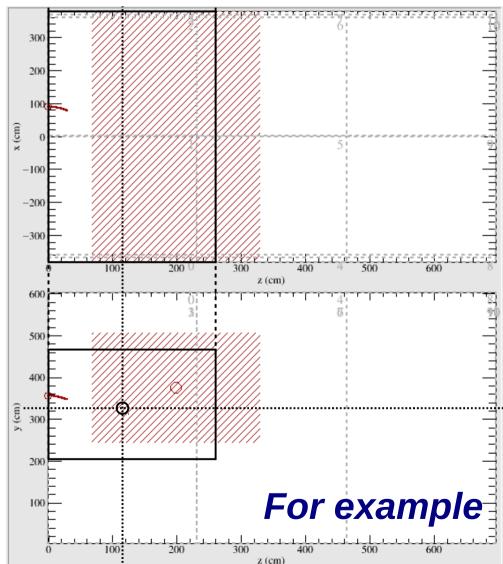


What's going on?

- So that all could make sense...but wait...then, why is the reconstructed flash position so far away from the track?
 - As Alex had originally thought, it's because of weighted means
- **Problem:** Using weighted mean of PD central positions from OpHits pulls the overall flash position away from true location, due to OpHits on neighboring APA(s)
 - Not finely-grained, especially if just use central positions
 - For events in edge APA, no OpHits on one side, so flashes get pulled further inside volume

Solution

- Define asymmetric box to compensate for lack of OpHits on other side of brightest PD module
 - Center = center of lightguide with brightest signal in event (instead of weighted mean)
 - Width = Asymmetrically defined by the distribution of other signals (instead of weighted deviation)
 - Size at least 1 lightguide by definition
 - Added benefit: large hitbox for tracks which span multiple APAs



Issues in implementing solution

- The reconstruction code base is in general Larsoft code base, is in pieces of code also used by other experiments
 - lardata/RecoBase/OpHit & OpFlash
 - larana/OpticalDetector/OpFlashFinder_module & OpFlashAlg
- OpFlashFinder uses OpFlashAlg to produce OpFlashes using OpHits
 - OpFlashAlg uses weighted means of PD centers to determine a flash position and width
 - Using PD centers is fine for 8" PMTs but we have 2m long light-guides.
 - The assumption of symmetric width of flashes is too hard-coded in larana

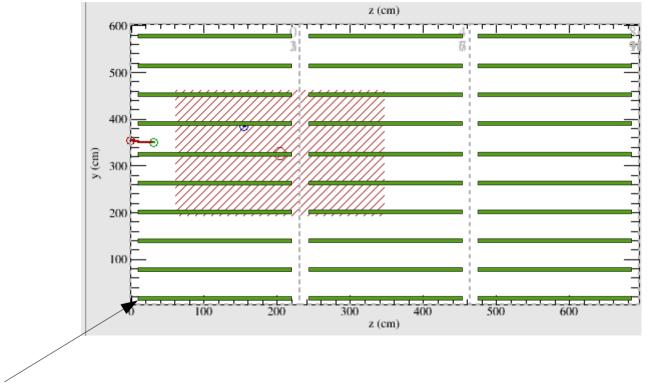
Possible implementations

- Special case in larana: treat light-guides separately
 - geo::GeometryCore::OpDetGeoName(cryostatID) == "LightPaddle"
 - Then special calculations for these objects
 - Perhaps use readout ends (not just centers)
 - GDML has this in place
 - rotationref ref = "rIdentity" & "rPlus180AboutY"
 - Hope that this is enough to overcome the pull of weighted mean
- Reimplement a customized OpFlash and OpFlashFinder for DUNE, in dunetpc (Yikes!)
 - New code can use asymmetric box width/height
 - Use staggered readout ends to help localize flashes
 - Would allow customization of flash finding algorithm to deal with SiPM waveforms



BACKUP





Readout end

